BRAUN'S STONE FENCE.

Hawling Blizzard Attempted to Raise It, but Abandoned, she Job.

A few years ago an old Dutchman amed Braun bought a quarter section ast below mine. He came from Penn-Joania, and was a hard worker and a harled wire. The Dutchman didn't like and fences, so in the spring he planted willow hedge around his quarter sec-Summer passed, and the hedge has growing like a jimsen weed, when parly in the fall a little black cloud which had been hangin around over in the northwest all the afternoon suddenly sweeped, down our way and went rippin and tearin across Braun's place. It plait leave a dozen hedge plants

then the old man concluded that a tense which would stand agin a hard would be cheapest in the long run, and by the middle of October he had and a stout rail fence to replace the te. It was a beauty-seven rails high with locked corners and a heavy "rider" by every length. But we had hardly time to look over the old man's and work and pronounce it good before a blyzard struck it and scattered the rals over several neighboring townships. Eather reductantly Braun then decided to follow my example and fence his with barb wire. He put in place t the rail fence that was a wire fence which could scarcely be beaten. It had arge, sawed posts and five heavy wires, and should have lasted a lifetime. It might have done so, perhaps, but for an' unifortunate occurrence. One afternoon oally in November another blizzard ame sauntering along, pulled up every damed fence post, carefully wrapped a few miles of wire around them and sailed if toward Chicago with the whole outfit.

When the hedge was destroyed the Al Dutchman merely sighed; when the rall fence went he said something half under his breath; when the wire fence tollowed it he swore. Then he sat down, halifed his pipe and fell into a brown

light and early the next spring he began another fence. It was somethin entirely new for our country, but it was a dandy and no mistake. The old man set his hired hands to work pickin up stones and haulin bowlders together; spengh of 'em to build a stone wall. It sorts and sizes. as strong as stone and cement could make it, and was four feet wide and three feet high. One afternoon, just after it was completed, Braun was pointin out to me the fine points of his www.wall, when we noticed a black dond over agin the western horizon.

"There's trouble over thar, old man," said I. "That blamed thing is jest rollin up its sleeves and spittin on its hands and gettin ready for business. It'll be along here, too, in about two minutes."

"Vell; let it coom;" Then, as there wasn't anythin else to do we satslown to watch it. It came zippin idong, twistin off trees close to the ground or pullin 'em by the roots, cuttin the prairie grass as clean as a mower could have done it and sweepin a it just stopped a moment as if to look it ; over, and I could swear I heard a chuckle. Then it stopped and caught hold of the elge the masonry. It held together well, but up it came, slowly and steadily. Jest when the wall had been turned half over the blizzard suddenly gave a groan, lost its grip and loosened its hold. The wall settled down upon its side and the bazzard jumped over it and went howl mout of sight.

"Vell!" said Braun jubilantly. "Vot Hold you. Dot fence is a dandy, don't n: It is you feet higher now as pefore det vind coom along." And he winked the other eye. - South Dakota Cor. Chivago News.

The Woman with the Fan.

The woman who uses a fan in a public assubly must see, if she has any ade quale perception of what she is doing, look of the gentleman or lady who sits wind in my neck." in front of her. She may have read in works of physiology, and she must have sen very often in the newspapers, that paramonia and kindred diseases are often the result of such careless use of the fam but she would not abandon the habit or forego the slight relief that little waft of air brings to her cheek to swe the life of the whole assembly.

We have had a stiff neck (not the moral, but the physical kind) for several days following the gratification of one bem, and we regard the woman with a ish as the sleal picture of supreme selfisherss. Men are bad enough, but a with a women with a fan can take the 194 New York Journal of Commerce.

Mirrors of the Greeks and Romans. Thy marrors of the ancient Greeks and Transles in the time of Julius Casar. trials of speed. place of brass or bronze ones almost algold were also employed. "Lookingglasses" of metal were employed everywhere up to the Eifteenth century .-Washington Star.

Els Predicament.

Lady (to deaf butcher)-Well, Mr. Smallbones, how do you find yourself Iolay-*

Smallbones Well, I'm pretty well Every rib's gone, they've allow Horn the to pieces for my shoulless, and I never had such a run on my leg. London Tit-Bits.

Chemistry on the Farm.

Many farmers laugh at the notion of applying the principles of chemistry on the farm, calling such ah application of science "fooling" and humbug. Yet farmers see their sons grow up and drift away because, having been educated in tific and progressive age has possessed to them, and they seek elsewhere than upon the public schools, the spirit of a scienan old fashioned farm scope for the edutation which they have already gained and for the wider education which they

Now there is no field which offers more ample scope for an educated and scientific mind than a good farm. The oldfashioned farmer says, "What do I want to know about chemistry? It's enough if I manufe the ground and plant my seed; nature will take care of the rest."

But the application of manure is "chemistry," and if the farmer or his boy understands the groundwork of that science he knows what kind of manure is good for a certain field and what kind is good for another field, and his knowledge may make for him or save for him many dollars in a single year.

A knowledge of chemistry will enable him to save the valuable properties of his manures for the soil, instead of letting precisely those properties be evaporated and wasted, as they are in the case of most natural manures as now treated on the farms of this country.

But the most important function of science on the farm, after all, at the present time, is not the immediate material advantage which it may bring to the farmer, but the means which it will supply of interesting the young, of engaging their active and eager intelligence, and keeping them from places where they will be very much worse off .- Youth's Companion.

Good Fishing.

The most unique locality to be found by the sportsman is probably that surrounding the town of Linkville, in Klamath county, Ore. The town nestlestat the foot of a large mountain, and lies right on the banks of what is locally known as Link river. This streamwhich is quite large and connects the upper and lower Klamath lakes-is alive with thousands and probably millions of large fish, which are constantly passing to and fro letween the two lakes, and are as constantly jumping out of water and in a few weeks he had collected in sight of the town. They are of all

Some of them appear to be cutting up those antics for the fun of the thing, and some to shake some kind of an eellike looking creature which attacks them in the water and becomes attached to their sides, causing the fish apparently much suffering. It is no uncommon thing for large fish to be taken there whose sides are all scarred up in consequence of these

It would not be surprising if many fish were thus destroyed. Probably there are not in the world two lakes more numerously stocked with tront than the upper and lower Klamath lakes. Judging by map measurement, they each average thirty miles in length by ten miles in width. -Many large streams empty into them, affording splendid clean path. When it reached that wall fishing and spawning grounds. Lying east of the Cascade range of mountains, where genuine winter prevails in the season for it, the water is better and the fish healthy and solid-features which do not prevail on the western side of the mountains; where an almanac has to be consulted to ascertain accurately the season of the year. - Forest and Stream

A Conventional Custom. One of the simplest instincts of good manners would seem to be that a man should uncover his head while eating his dinner with his family; yet it is pretty certain that the first gentlemen of England two centuries ago habitually wore their hats during that ceremony, nor is it known just when or why the practice was changed. In Pepys' famous Diary, which is the best manual of manners for its period, we read, under date of Sept. 22, 1664, "Flome to bed, having got a that five sixtus of the air carried by this strange cold in my head by flinging off implement of torfure is thrown into the my hat at dinner and sitting with the

In Lord Clarendon's essay on the decay of respect pald to age he says that in his younger days he never kept his hat on before those older, than himself except at dinner. Hord Clarendon died in 1674. That the Eiglish members of parliament sit with their hats on during the sessions is well known, and the same practice prevailed at the early town meetings in New England. The presence or absence of the hat'is therefore simply a conventionality, and so it is with a who say behind us in a church or lecture | thousand practices which are held, so long as, they exist, to be the most unchangeable and matter of course affairs. -Harper's Hazar.

When a Man Is Thirty Years of Age. All men who employ animals in work know how their speed falls off with increasing age. Race horses are with-Remais were thin disks of bronze, high- drawn from the track shortly after they be shed and usually fashioned with have arrived at the full possession of handes, though sometimes they were their force; they are still good for combright on stands. Later on silver petitions in lottom, and are capable for was used, and the first murror of solid many years yet of doing excellent trot-Alber is said to have been made by ting service, but they cannot run in

Subsequently silver mirrors took the Man's capacity to run likewise decreases after he has passed thirty years; begether, though steel, copper and even and the professional couriers who are still seen in Tunis, running over large distances in an incredibly short time, are obliged to retire while still young. Those who continue to run after they are forty years old all finally succumb with grave heart affections, -Popular Science Monthly.

Pawned a Five Dollar Bill. A man who possessed a five dollar bill, and wanted to Now it in badly, hit upon a novel plan the other day by which to save and spend it both. The bill was given to him by a friend, and he was determined not to part with it. After a As Luglish writer asserts that no mate lengthy debate with himself he evolved ter what species of oysters are placed in the brilliant scheme of pawning the the Laglish beds, where the natives are note. He paid a visit to his uncle, raised th excess, they very soon, by inter- \$4.62 on the bill, and spent it according breeding, become of a uniform character, to his tastes. When further funds came the descendants being all practically 'in he redeemed the original note. - Philadelphia Record.



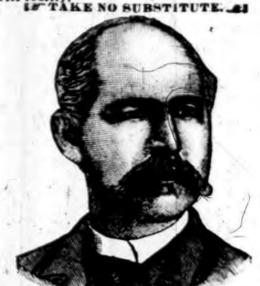
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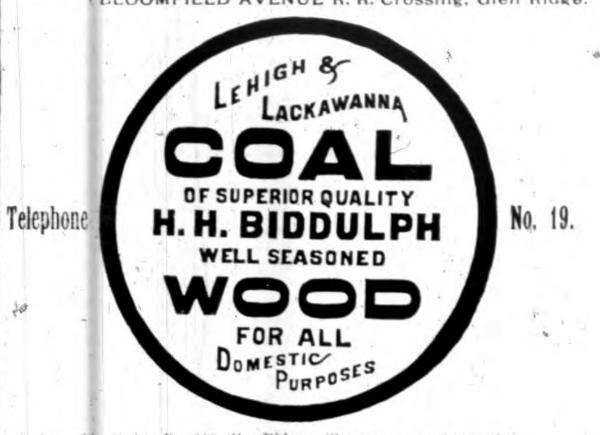
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